

# South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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## ***COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP***

**SIoux FALLS, June 20, 2003** – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 80.4 million pounds during May. This was up 4 percent from one year ago and up 5 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For May, pork production and sheep and lamb production were up from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 374,400 head during May compared to 359,400 head last year. Average live weight was 262 pounds, which was up 1 pound from May 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 373,700 head, which was comprised of 10,500 sows and 363,300 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,100 head during May compared to 1,000 head last year. Average live weight was 119 pounds, which was up 12 pounds from May 2002. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,000 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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